

Abstract

Disclosed is a method for increasing a memory T cell response by administering to a patient a composition that increases the activity of IL-15 and that decreases the activity of IL-2. Also disclosed is a vaccine adjuvant useful for increasing memory T cell responses. A method for inhibiting undesirable immune responses, such as autoimmune responses, is also disclosed, as is a composition useful in such a method. The composition includes a compound that increases the activity of IL-2 and in one embodiment, further includes a compound that decreases the activity of IL-15.